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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN SALE OF AMMUNITION TO THAILAND

REF: A) CANBERRA 5814 (NOTAL) B) STATE 182385 (NOTAL)

1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED REFTEL A. AT YOUR DISCRETION, YOU MAY WISH TO EMPHASIZE IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH GOA OFFICIALS THAT SINCE USG APPROVAL IS REQUIRED FOR THIS PROPOSED TRANSFER, AMMUNITION MUST NOT BE SHIPPED FROM AUSTRALIA TO THAILAND IN ABSENCE THAT APPROVAL. SUCH A DEVELOPMENT WOULD CREATE POTENTIALLY SERIOUS PROBLEM.

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2. IN MEANTIME, WE WISH TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION CLARIFICATION REGARDING ORIGINAL REQUEST RECEIVED FROM AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY. THAT REQUEST WAS FOR USG APPROVAL OF SALE BY GOA TO RTG OF "COMPONENTS FOR" 10 MILLION ROUNDS

OF 5.56 MM AMMUNITION. WE WILL ASK AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY HERE FOR EXPLANATION OF WHAT THE COMPONENTS ARE, AND YOU MAY WISH TO FOLLOW-UP WITH GOA AUTHORITIES. THIS MAY HELP TO EXPLAIN YOUR REPORT CONTAINED REFTEL A, WHICH WE HAD NOT HERETOFORE KNOWN, THAT AMMUNITION WAS SHIPPED IN BULK FROM SINGAPORE AND PACKAGED IN AUSTRALIA. LATTER TRANSACTION RAISES INTERESTING QUESTION OF ORIGINAL SOURCE OF AMMUNITION, SINCE USG RECORDS SHOW THAT WE HAVE NOT SOLD TECHNICAL DATA PACKAGE FOR PRODUCTION OF SUCH AMMUNITION TO SINGAPORE.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS INCREASINGLY COMPLEX TRANSACTION THAT ADDRESSEES CAN OBTAIN. KISSINGER

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